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SUBJECT: CODEL SCOTT VISIT TO EGYPT

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SUMMARY: SENATOR WILLIAM L SCOTT VISITED EGYPT AUGUST 15-19, MET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, PRIME MINISTER SALEM, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF WAR GAMASY, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ASHRAF MARWAN, AND OTHERS. HE WAS EXPOSED TO A FULL RANGE OF EGYPTIAN VIEWS AND PERSPECTIVES AND RECEIVED IN-DEPTH BRIEFINGS FROM THE AMBASSADOR. END SUMMARY

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL FRIDAY AFTERNOON THE SENATOR WAS GIVEN A BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT MID-EAST SITUATION BY THE AMBASSADOR. FOLLOWING DAY WAS DEVOTED TO SHOPPING IN THE MORNING AND SIGHTSEEING (PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX IN AFTERNOON). SENATOR AND MRS. SCOTT ATTENDED A RECEPTION IN THEIR HONOR THAT EVENING AT HOME OF COL GRAHAM, ARMY ATTACHE.

2. ON SUNDAY SENATOR SCOTT, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS TWO AIDES AND ESCORTED BY THE AMBASSADOR, MET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AT RAS AL-HIKMA, NEAR MERSA MATRUH. REPORT OF HIS MEETING  
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WITH THE PRESIDENT IS CONTAINED IN CAIRO 8262.

3. WHILE FLYING FROM MERSA MATRUH TO CAIRO ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL AIDE ASHRAF MARWAN TOLD CODEL HE HOPES USG MIGHT BE WILLING TO SELL EGYPT DEFENSIVE WEAPONS. EGYPTIAN MILITARY, LIKE ANY OTHER MILITARY, NEEDS "TOYS". THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET AMERICAN EQUIPMENT. SAUDIS AND GULF ARABS ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE CASH. GOE WANTS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH USG AND MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. AS MODERATE ARAB LEADER, PRESIDENT SADAT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY USG. HE NEEDS US ARMS TO SATISFY EGYPTIAN MILITARY. AS USG KNOWS, SADAT IS COMMITTED TO PURSUING THE PEACE PROCESS, BUT SO LONG AS PEACE IS NOT YET ACHIEVED EGYPTIAN MILITARY WANTS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY.

4. UPON RETURN TO CAIRO SENATOR AND MRS. SCOTT, AFTER SOME FURTHER SHOPPING, DINES AT THE HOME OF CAPTAIN BLOCK, NAVAL ATTACHE.

5. MONDAY FEATURED A TRIP TO SUEZ CITY AND SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF SUEZ CANAL, AND TOUR OF CAPTURED STRONG POINTS ON BAR LEV LINE. SENATOR AND MRS. SCOTT WERE TREATED TO LAVISH LUNCHEON, HOSTED BY EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY. BEIEFINGS APPEARED TO IMPRESS THE SENATOR.

6. THAT EVENING THE SENATOR AND HIS AIDES MET FOR AN HOUR WITH PRIME MINISTER MAMDUH SALEM. AMBASSADOR INTRODUCED THE SENATOR. AFTER SENATOR EXPLAINED PURPOSE OF TRIP AND INVITED PRIMIN'S COMMENTS, SALEM SPOKE OF SADAT'S PEACE AIMS AND DESIRE FOR CLOSER US-GOE RELATIONS. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, BUT ALL EGYPTIANS ARE NOW HOPING FOR A SECOND DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. IN RESPONSE SENATOR'S QUERY RE SOVIET ACTIVITIES, SALEM OUTLINED DIFFICULTIES GOE HAS HAD WITH SOVIETS. THEY HAVE PROVIDED NO REPLACEMENT ARMS AND ARE CRITICAL OF SADAT'S SHIFT TO US. IN HIS VIEW, SOVIETS ARE INSTIGATING LIBYAN AND OTHER RADICAL ARABS TO ATTACK SADAT FOR HIS PRO-PEACE POLICY. SADAT NEEDS USG SUPPORT TO PROVE THAT HIS POLICIES ARE SUCCESSFUL. ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS UNDER CONTROL, COMMUNISTS ELSEWHERE ARE TRYING TO UNDERMINE SADAT. CODEL NOTED GAMASY HAD INDICATED THERE ARE COMMUNISTS IN PLO. WAS THIS SO? PRIMIN  
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AFFIRMED IT WAS, STATING THAT PALESTINIAN YOUTH IN THE CAMPS IS BOUND TO BE AFFECTED BY SUCH DOCTRINES. CODEL OPINED SOVIETS DO NOT WANT A PEACE AND INQUIRED IF COMMUNISTS COULD PREVENT PEACE. SALEM THOUGHT THEY COULD. IN RESPONSE SENATE STAFF MEMBER CONNEELY'S QUERY RE GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL IF IT RETURNS TO '67 BORDERS, SALEM SOMEWHAT VAGUELY INDICATED THERE COULD BE SUCH GUARANTEES.

7. SENATOR ALSO MET MONDAY EVENING WITH GENERAL GAMASY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF WAR. MEETING, WHICH LASTED JUST UNDER AN HOUR, DEALT WITH OVERALL MILITARY SITUATION. GAMASY REFLECTED PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED GOE POSITION THAT ISRAELIS OCCUPY ARAB LAND, THAT ISRAEL TALKS PEACE BUT HAS NO SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE. THE ARABS, CONTINUED GAMASY, HAVE SAID THAT THEY ARE READY TO LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH ISRAEL. IN TIME, HE SAID, SUCH (CO-EXISTENCE) CAN BE MADE TO WORK. BUT FIRST IT IS NECESSARY FOR ISRAEL TO EVACUATE ARAB TERRITORY SO THAT IT WILL BECOME POSSIBLE FOR TENSIONS TO SUBSIDE. GAMASY THEN ADDRESSED THE RELATIVE MILITARY SITUATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA ON THE ONE HAND AND ISRAEL ON THE OTHER. ISRAEL, HE SAID, HAS A SUPERIOR AIR FORCE AND NAVY. BUT "WE" HAVE MORE TANKS, MORE ARTILLERY. THE INFERENCE APPEARED TO BE THAT OVERALL, THE CONFRONTATION STATES WERE IN A FAVORABLE MILITARY SITUATION. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION AS TO PROCUREMENT OF ARMS, GAMASY ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFICULTIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON THIS SUBJECT. EGYPT, HE SAID, WAS VERY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING DIVERSIFIED SOURCES FOR ARMS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AMERICAN ARMS BUT UNDERSTANDS USG'S PROBLEM IN SELLING ARMS TO EGYPT. NONETHELESS, EGYPT IS CONTINUING TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMS PURCHASE FROM US, WHILE DEALING ALSO WITH FRANCE AND BRITAIN. FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS BEING PROVIDED BY SAUDI ARABIA AND THE EMIRATES.

8. THE SENATOR AND HIS PARTY DINED WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. EILTS THAT EVENING.

9. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WAS EXCELLENT, HIGHLIGHTED BY FRONT PAGE PHOTOS OF SENATOR WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN ALL MONDAY DAILIES AND SENATOR WITH PRIME MINISTER IN SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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